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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO THE SECRETARY

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS CALLED ME THIS MORNING--AFTER
BEING UP A GOOD PART OF THE NIGHT WITH CLERIDES AND THE
VISITING CYPRIOT GROUP--TO APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO
SEE ME YESTEDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING AS I HAD REQUESTED.
HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE COPIES OF THE SECRETARY'S
AND DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENTS WHICH I HAD SENT TO HIM
YESTERDAY MORNING (REFTEL A) AND AGREED THAT THEY PUT US
ON THE RECORD AS BEING CLEARLY AGAINST DENKTASH'S UNILATERAL
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ACTION. CONTRARY TO THE GREEK AMBASSADOR'S COMPLAINT TO

HARTMAN IN WASHINGTON (REF B)--OR MAYBE AS A RESULT OF
HARTMAN'S REACTION--BITSIOS CHARACTERIZED THE STATEMENTS
AS "MOST CONSTRUCTIVE."

2. BITSIOS ASKED ME TO PASS TO THE SECRETARY HIS
"VERY DEEP REGRETS" AT NOT BEING ABLE TO MEET WITH HIM
TOMORROW IN BONN. BITSIOS SAID THE "ONLY" REASON WAS
THAT HE SIMPLY HAD TO REMAIN IN ATHENS AT THIS TIME. HE
SAID HE THOUGHT SUCH A MEETING WOULD HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY
USEFUL.

3. AS FOR HIS MEETING WITH CLERIDES AND THE CYPRIOT
GROUP, HE SAID THEY WOULD BE CONTINUING TODAY. BITSIOS
SAID THE GREEKS HAVE NOT YET MADE A FINAL DECISION AS TO
WHO WILL GO TO NEW YORK FOR THE UNSC MEETING BUT THAT HE
DID NOT EXPECT TO GO HIMSELF ALTHOUGH CLERIDES ALMOST
CERTAINLY WOULD--PROBABLY TOMORROW (SUNDAY).
BITSIOS INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET MADE FINAL
DECISIONS ABOUT HOW THEY ARE GOING TO PROCEED IN NEW YORK
BUT WOULD PROBABLY BE DOING SO TODAY.
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